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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-  
COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 6, 2007, please find herein replacement pages for the claims section, pages 2-7, of the Amendment filed on September 25, 2007. The status of claims 1-16 is indicated, and the status for claim 13 has been updated so as to be compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.